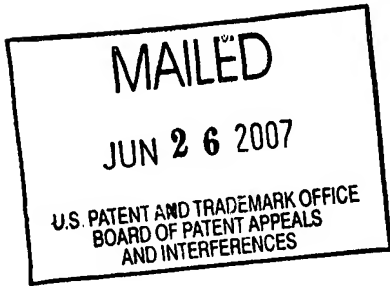


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 18, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed September 8, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 8, 2006, 2007, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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